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EGYPTIAN PROPOSED REVISIONS

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- 1. FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 14, D1976 FROM MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND NUCLEAR ENERGY ADR. GUBEILI. LETTER REPLIES TO AMBASSADOR'S LETTERS OF OJANUARY 14 AND 16 WIHICH PROVIDED THE REVISED TEXT OF THE DRAFT AGREEMENT FOR NUCLEAR COOPERATION BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE UNITED STATES AND PROPOSES FURTHER CHANGES. ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED.
- 2. QUOTE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO YOUR LETTERS OF JANUARY 14TH AND 16TH CONCERNING THE REVISED DRAFT AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION, AND WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE A FEW COMMENTS ON THE CHANGES INTRODUCED TO THE TEXT OF VARIOUS ARTICLES. OUR COMMENTS MAY BE SUMMARISED IN THE FOLLOWING POINTS -

FIRST: IN THE NOTE

ON PAGE (5), SECOND PARAGRAPH FOURTHLINE WE PROPOSE

TO REPLACE THE WORD "CERTAIN" BY THE WORD "THE".

SECOND: ARTICLE I

WE PROPOSE THAT THE NEW DEFINITIONS INTRODUCED IN THIS

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ARTICLE IN ITEMS 6, 9 AND 14BE CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

THE DEFINITIONS ADOPTED BY THE IAEA AND WHICH ARE INCORPORATED IN THE LATEST IAEA 1976 SAFEGUARDS DOCUMENT. ACCORDINGLY WE SUGGEST THAT:

- 1. THE DEFINITION OF "NUCLEAR FACILITY" ITEM 6, BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
- "A REACTOR, A CRITICAL FACILITY, A CONVERSION PLANT, A FABRICATION PLANT, A REPROCESSION PLANT, AN ISOTOPE SEPARATING PLANT; OR ANY LOCATION WHERE NUCLEAR MATERIAL IN AMOUNTS GREATER THAN ONE EFFECTIVE KG. IS CUSTOMARILY USED.
- 2. THE DEFINITION OF "REPLICATED NUCLEAR FACILITY" ITEM (9) BE CHANGED TO READ:-

"REPLICATED NUCLEAR FACILITIES" MEANS NUCLEAR FACILITIES WHICH INCORPORATE MAINLY OR/ARE DERIVED FROM TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT OR AUTHORIZED PERSONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. NUCLEAR FACILITIES SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO INCORPORATE MAINLY OR BE DERIVED FROM TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION TRANSFERRED AS AFORESAID. AND THEREBY CONSTITUTE "REPLICATED NUCLEAR FACILITIES, "IF: (A) THEY ARE FABRICATED OR CONSTRUCTED IN THE TERRITORY OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT DURING THE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE XIII OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND (B) THEIR DESIGN, FABRICATION, CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATING PROCESSES OR MECHANISISMS ARE THE SAME AS, OR SIMILAR TO, THE CHEMICAL OR PHYSICAL PROCESSES OR MECHANISMS CONTAINED OR DESCRIBED IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION SO TRANSFERRED, PROVIDED THAT SUCH TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH OPEN OR UNCLASSIFIED LITERATURE.

3. THE DEFINITION OF "TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION" ITEM (14) BE CHANGED TO READ:-

"TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION" MEANS MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION WHICH IS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN TO BE THE BASIS FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES. THIS DEFINITION WILL BE APPLICABLE UNTIL THE IAEA FORMULATES A CONFIDENTIAL

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DEFINITION FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION WHEREBY THE LATTER DEFINITION WILL APPLY

DEFINITION WILL APPLY.

THIRD: ARTICLE III

WE PROPOSED TO ADD A NEW ITEM TO COVER POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES TO BE INCLUDED AFTER ITEM (1); AS FOLLOWS:

2. NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES SUCH AS FUEL REFINING, CONVERSION

AND FABRICATION, AS WELL AS NUCLEAR ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES.

FOURTH: ARTICLE X

1. WE AGREE TO THE REVISED TEXT OF PARAGRAPH (5) AS IN YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 16TH, AND WE PROPOSED A SLIGHT CHANGE AT THE END OF 5(B) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"....SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS OF THE I.A.E.A. OR THE N.P.T.  $\,$ 

2. ON PAGE 18, ITEM (C), WE PROPOSE TO CHANGE THE FIRST

PARAGRAPH TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

"SHALL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS, OR BEYOND THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT UNLESS SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS OF THE I.A.E.A. OR THE N.P.T., UNLESS THE RECIPIENT NATION...."

FIFTH: ARTICLE XI

ON PAGE 21 - ITEM (C), WE PROPOSE TO CHANGE THE TEXT, SO
THAT REPLICATED NUCLEAR FACILITIES WOULD BE UNDER INTERNATIONAL
SAFEGUARDS OF THE I.A.E.A. OR THE N.P.T. THIS CHANGE
IS CONSISTENT WITH RHE REVISED TEXT OF PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE
X, W.R.T. REPLICATED NUCLEAR FACILITIES TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE
EGYPT. IN ADDITION THIS POINT WAS AGREED UPON DURING MY
LAST DISCUSSIONS WITH ERDA IN WASHINGTON, SINCE REPLICATED
NUCLEAR FACILITIES MAY INCORPORATE TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION
TRANSFERRED NOT ONLY FROM THE U.S.A. BUT ALSO FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES.

I HOPE THAT THESE COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE AMERICAN SIDE AND THAT THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE FINALIZED IN THE NEAREST FUTURE.

PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

YOURS SINCERELY, CONFIDENTIAL

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DR. M.A. ELGEUBEILY (SIGNED) MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND ATOMIC ENERGY UNQUOTE

3. AMBASSAOR SENDING INTERIM REPLY TO GUBEILI FEBRUARY 17 SAYING THAT COMMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON AND THAT WE WILL INFORM GOE OF USG COMMENTS AS SOON AS RECEIVED. EILTS

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